



Owen Roe O'Neill's SAC Leckpatrick



OIFIGEACH FORBARTHA AN CHLUB/DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Club Development Officer should provide the lead in planning and carrying out Club development and regularly update the Club Development Plan in conjunction with the Club Committee and other relevant sub-committees.

The Development Officer should:

- Be familiar with existing Club development plans
- Assess the relevance of existing Club plans and plan to modify these if required
- Work with a sub-committee who will be selected in conjunction with the Club Officers to initiate planning and development
- To act in an advisory role with other Club sub-committees in the Club to ensure co-ordination of planning on a whole-Club basis
- To report on a regular basis to the Club Committee on development issues
- To provide for an annual review of the various development plans within the Club and seek agreement on modification if necessary
- To develop contacts with external planning agencies and bodies like Strabane District Council, the Tyrone GAA Development Officer, Ulster Council Development Officers, the NI Sports Council and other relevant bodies
- To seek funding opportunities from outside bodies to aid in aspects of Club development
- To help develop financial planning at Club level to take account of current and projected development



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- To annually review the Club Development Plan

The Club Development Officer should also act as the link with the County Development Officer or County Development Committee, to allow for improved communication and better coordination of development matters between County Development Committee and the Club.

The Club Development Officer

- Oversees Club development issues.
- Leads on producing and monitoring the Club's development plan.
- Leads on major projects, e.g. new pitch; stand; etc.
- Keeps up-to-date on others' plans (eg local authorities & Sports Councils).
- Keeps up-to-date regarding funding programmes, GAA and other.
- Contributes at County level as appropriate

It is suggested that the Club Development Officer be appointed from within the Club Executive or Management Committee after the Annual General Meeting i.e. the first Executive meeting. Because it is rarely possible for an Officer responsible for immediate day-to-day activities to devote time to planning and development, the person appointed should not already hold office, particularly the office of Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer.

There are unlimited opportunities for development in every Club. The Club Development Officer will not be able to tackle every development necessary in their Club but should select certain immediate Club needs and concentrate on them.





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Duties of the Development Officer.

Priority areas:

- (a) Club Development & Administration to improve the general organisation and efficiency of the Club unit.
- (b) Physical Facilities - Look after grounds and property and ensure all Club Property is vested.
- (c) Community - The Development Officer should avail of opportunities for assistance by units of the GAA in appropriate community activities especially those aimed at improving the quality of life for persons who are disadvantaged by virtue of age, health or social and economic circumstances.
- (d) Resource Centre: The Development Officer should be known within the Club to be the person who can provide Development information, reference material, guidelines (which can be sourced at Central Office)

General.

The Club Development Officer would:

- Work with other officers for the general good of the Club
- Encourage and support Officers and Committees which are working effectively already.
- Ensure that the Club assists with the development of the games in local schools.
- Assess the needs and plan for the future development of the Club.
- Work closely with the County Development Officer and Committee.